(e) whether guidelines for employees in various chemical units have tlso been laid down by Government; md

(d) if not; what are the reasons herefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJAIAH): (a) *to* (d). In the vake of Bhopal accident, various as-)ects and measures to be adopted to insure safety and health of workers vere considered in the meetings of ^abour Secretaries and Labour Minsters of State Governments | Union Territory Administrations. On the >asis of general consensus reached herein, a National Programme for [Coordinated Action Plan for control if hazards and protection of occupa-ional health and safety of workers in langerous manufacturing processes ias been drawn up. This action plan provides for specific and coordinated ction to be taken by Central Government, State Governments, Employers ind Worker Organisations. The Na-ional Action Plan has been forwarded o those agencies for initiating imme-iate action.

Recommendations of the Second Press Commission

1628. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will *he* Minister of INFORMATION AND SROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what are the main recommenda-ions made by Second Press Com-lission about Official Secrets Act /h'ich are still under consideration; nd

(b) the time by when a final deci-ion thereon is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF HE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION ND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. ADGIL): (a) The Second Press ommission's main recommendations ;gardnig the Official Secrets Act are s follows:—

Section 5 of the Official Secrets of 1923 may be repealed and sub-stituted by other provisions suited to meet the paramount need of national security and other vital interests of the States as well as the right of the people to know the affairs of the State affecting them. It is essential in our view to restrict the operation of Section 5 by prescribing the types of information which need protection from disclosure. These types or categories will necessarily be broad, but primarily it will be the task of the executive to determine whether a document falls under any of the specified categories. In this respect we think that the provisions of part-II of the British Freedom of Information Bill may be adopted with appropriate modifications and changes. The other provisions in the Official Secrets Act may be carefully examined by an expert body to see which of them deserve modification and thereafter those provisions could also be incorporated in the new legislation proposed.

(b) It shall take quite some time before a final decision on these recom-mendations is taken.

Imported edible oils supplied at sub-sidised rates

1629. SHRI PARVATHANENI UP-ENDRA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that vanas-pati manufacturers are using 60 per cent of imported oils supplied to them at subsidised rates;

(b) whether the imports of edible oils could be cut down substantially of using indigenous vegetable olis instead;

(c) whether with the use of indi-genous oils, by vanaspati manufacturers the prices of vanaspati could be brought down benefiting millions; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by Government for using more indigenous vegetable oils?